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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON APRIL 7, THE LA PENCA INVESTIGATING COMMISSION
OF COSTA RICA'S LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MADE PUBLIC ITS

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LONG-AWAITED REPORT ON THE 1984 LA PENCA BOMBING. A
BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWSPAPER REPORTING ON ITS
CONCLUSIONS FOLLOWS:

--THE ASSASSIN WAS ARGENTINE TERRORIST VITAL ROBERTO
GAGUINE, OPERATING UNDER THE NAME OF PER ANKER
HANSEN. THE FINGERPRINTS OF HANSEN AND GAGUINE
MATCHED.

--GAGUINE WORKED FOR SANDINISTA INTELLIGENCE AND, IN
FACT, HAD TIES TO TOMAS BORGE.

--GAGUINE DID NOT DIE IN THE ATTACK ON THE ARGENTINE
ARMY BARRACKS LA TABLADA IN JANUARY 1989, AS
PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED, SINCE HIS FINGERPRINTS DID NOT
MATCH THOSE OF ANY OF THE DEAD ATTACKERS. THEREFORE,
ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAVE ISSUED AN ARREST WARRANT
FOR HIM AND INTERPOL HAS BEEN ASKED FOR HELP IN
LOCATING HIM.

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6. POST WILL PROVIDE A FULLER SUMMARY OF THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AFTER WE HAVE HAD TIME TO READ AND DIGEST THE MORE THAN 200-PAGE REPORT. WE WILL ALSO POUCH A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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MOREOVER, THE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TOLD THE PRESS IN RELEASING THE REPORT, THAT "THE EVENT CAME FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF STATE SECURITY (DGSE) OF THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT."

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3. THE REPORT DID NOT EXPLICITLY IDENTIFY THE SANDINISTAS AS THE "INTELLECTUAL AUTHORS" BEHIND THE CRIME BUT DID MAKE A CLEAR IMPLICIT CONNECTION.
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--THE VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING SHOULD BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT.

--THE COSTA RICAN OFFICE OF JUDICIAL INVESTIGATIONS (OJ) MADE A NUMBER OF ERRORS IN THE FIRST HOURS AFTER THE BOMBING WHICH CONSTITUTED "NEGLECT" AND WHICH INTERFERED WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CRIME.

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